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Model Emily Ratajkowski's latest film is "We Are Your Friends," in which she plays the love interest of an aspiring DJ played by Zac Efron. / GETTY IMAGES

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Hundreds of people walk through the Great Hall at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. / GETTY IMAGES

# Museum memberships throughout the city up since launch of IDNYC

**Arts.** More than 45,000 people have redeemed new memberships at cultural institutions throughout the city.

More than 45,000 people have signed up for museum memberships through IDNYC since its launch eight months ago.

IDNYC cardholders have the option of signing up for a free one-year membership at any of the 33 participating institutions throughout the city.

"New members are coming through their doors every day and these institutions have welcomed new audiences from neighborhoods across the city," said Bitta Mostofi, the director of external affairs for the Mayor's Office of Immigrant



#### More info

For more information on IDNYC benefits go to:

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Affairs.

IDNYC was launched in January and so far more than 400,000 New Yorkers

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the New York Botanical Garden and the Brooklyn Museum.

According to the Museum of the City of New York in Manhattan, they have redeemed 1,648 new memberships since the ID's launch, with 600 of those just in the month of July.

Each person who signs up for the ID card receives a brochure listing all the benefits offered through it, including the cultural institution memberships. Cardholders can also access the information online through the website.

Individuals who have been members in the past three years are ineligible to receive free membership through IDNYC.

In addition, cardholders still have four months left to redeem membership at any of the participating institutions. Their membership is valid from

#### Quoted

**"Culture is central to life in New York City and we are committed to continuing to provide increased cultural access for IDNYC cardholders."**

Mostofi

the date it is redeemed and will not expire on December 31, 2015.

"Culture is central to life in New York City and we are committed to continuing to provide increased cultural access for IDNYC cardholders," said Mostofi. "We will announce benefits for the second year of the program later this year."

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## Rape. New York State Police unit to tackle campus sex assault

New York state is launching a specialized police unit to help crack down on sexual assault on college campuses, but some victims' advocates are wary, saying law enforcement has not been effective in tackling the issue in the past.

A law signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo last month allocates \$4.5 million for what officials have said is a first-in-the-nation police unit that will train college officials and local police units to respond better to sexual assaults on campus.

The law, which has been touted as the most progressive in the country, also requires all colleges in the state to implement a uniform definition of affirmative consent, distribute a students' bill of rights and adopt a policy that grants victims immunity for drug and alcohol violations.

The U.S. Department of Education is currently investigating 131 schools for violating federal law in their handling of sex-



Cuomo / GETTY IMAGES

ual assault allegations, and New York leads the country with 20 schools on that list. Vice President Joe Biden called campus sexual assault an epidemic when the White House launched a task force to address the issue in 2014.

Proponents see New York's new police unit as a way of improving

universities' response to rape reports, from services offered to victims to disciplinary investigations.

Critics of the unit say sex crimes are already underreported and increasing law enforcement's involvement could make victims warier of reporting crimes. **REUTERS**

### On alert

#### NYPD beefs up security for media after Va. shooting

The New York City Police Department confirmed that it would send officers near some news media offices Wednesday morning.

The news comes after a reporter and cameraman were shot and killed while on assignment and on live television in

Virginia.

A spokeswoman for the NYPD said it already deployed police units to "various media outlets."

By the late morning, state officials in Virginia told reporters that the suspect might be a former co-worker.

Reporter Alison Parker, 24, and cameraman Adam Ward, 27, both died after they were reporting live at around 6:45 a.m. during a television interview in



An NYPD officer / FILE PHOTO

Roanoke, Virginia.

The gunman, Vester Lee Flanagan, also known as Bryce Williams, died hours later. **CHESTER SORIA**

### 46-story fall

#### Man falls to death from UES condo after slashing dad

New York City police said 27-year-old Mark Citrin jumped out a window on the 46th floor of a luxury condo after he locked himself in a room on Wednesday.

Authorities said officers arrived at the Bristol Plaza building on East 65th Street near Third Avenue at around 7 a.m. after the man allegedly slashed his father's face with a knife before he ran into a room and locked the door behind him. Police did not comment on what the two men fought about.

Once inside the

bedroom, cops said Citrin jumped from a window and fell 46 stories before he hit the rooftop of a nearby Bank of America.

Citrin was dead when paramedics arrived at the scene. The father, who had cuts to his face and head, was rushed to Bellevue Hospital, where officials said he remains in stable condition. **CHESTER SORIA**

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# Television journalists killed in on-air shooting; suspect fatally shoots self

**Broadcast.** Videos of the shooting were posted to Twitter and on Facebook by a man identifying himself as Bryce Williams.

Two television journalists were killed during a live broadcast in Virginia on Wednesday, shot by a suspect who was a former employee of the TV station and who called himself a "powder keg" of anger over what he saw as racial discrimination at work and elsewhere in the United States.

The suspect, 41-year-old Vester Lee Flanagan, shot himself as police pursued him on a Virginia highway hours after the shooting. Flanagan, who was African-American,



Alison Parker and Adam Ward / FACEBOOK

can, died later at a hospital, police said.

The journalists who were killed were reporter Alison Parker, 24, and cameraman Adam Ward, 27. Both journalists were white, as is a woman

whom they were interviewing. The woman was wounded and was in stable condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Social media postings by a person who appeared to be Flanagan

indicated the suspect had grievances against the station, CBS affiliate WDBJ7 in Roanoke, Virginia, which let him go two years ago. The person also posted video that appeared to show

the attack filmed from the shooter's vantage point.

Flanagan sent ABC News a 23-page fax about two hours after the shooting, saying his attack was triggered by the June 17 mass shooting at a black church in Charleston, South Carolina, the network said. Nine people were killed, and a white man has been charged in that rampage.

The network cited Flanagan as saying he had suffered racial discrimination, sexual harassment and bullying at work. He had been attacked by black men and white women for being a gay black man, he said.

The on-air shooting occurred at about 6:45 a.m. at Bridgewater Plaza, a Smith Mountain Lake recreation site about 200 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. **REUTERS**

## Spokesman

### White House says shooting points to need for gun control

The White House said that the shooting in Virginia is another example of gun violence that is "becoming all too common."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters that Congress can pass legislation that would have a "tangible impact of reducing gun violence in this country."

Earnest said he had not had the chance to speak with the president about the shooting. Earnest said the thoughts and prayers of those in the White House are with those killed. **REUTERS**



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# Boundaries shift on what cellphone use is considered rude

## Pew research.

They said the survey underscored issues about how technology is disrupting rules on human interaction.

Do you text or otherwise engage with a small screen during a social gathering? A U.S. survey suggests you are not alone, even if you are annoyed when other people do exactly the same thing.

The Pew Research Center survey on shifts in what is acceptable in an always-wired world found that 82 percent of American adults say that using cellphones hurt conversation in social gatherings.



A man chats on his cellphone inside a restaurant. / GETTY IMAGES

## Cellphone use

# 89%

89 percent say they used their phones during their most recent get-together, including for texting, talking and photo-taking.

"We're in the middle of this enormous social transformation where the rules of the road aren't

clear and so they're constantly being negotiated," he said.

The survey of U.S. adults showed that 92 percent had a cellphone. Of those, nine out of 10 said they were always with them.

Cellphone use in social settings tends to be tied to the event itself, with 45 percent of people posting a photo or video of their most recent gathering, the survey showed.

A smaller number — 16 percent — said they turned to their small screen because they had lost interest in the group.

Some cellphone use is practical: While in public spaces, almost two-thirds of cellphone users look up information about where they are going or how to get there. **REUTERS**



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# Five things you need to know

## Hillary Clinton: Investments in rural US will boost economy

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton unveiled a plan to improve rural economies by encouraging additional investment, boosting profitability at family farms, increasing clean energy production and improving access to education and health care.

Roughly 46 million U.S. residents — about 15 percent of the population — live in rural areas that “lie at the heart of what makes this country great,” but “despite their critical role in our economy, too many rural communities are not sharing in our nation’s

economic gains,” Clinton’s campaign said.

Clinton made several stops in the early-voting state of Iowa on Wednesday to discuss her plan to improve farm-area economies.

Clinton’s plan would involve everything from access to capital for rural companies via a Farm Credit Administration program to simplifying regulations on small community banks to making permanent a tax credit for investments in rural areas.

There would be increased funding for agricultural education programs, and Clinton would fight for the type of comprehensive immigration reform that would affect agricultural workers, according to a campaign fact sheet.

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CLINTON

## Obama plans to raise cybersecurity concerns with China’s Xi

The White House said on Wednesday that President Barack Obama will “no doubt” raise concerns about China’s cybersecurity behavior when he meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping next month.

Obama will host Xi at the White House in September for a state visit. The U.S. has alleged that Chinese hackers have stolen information from U.S. computer servers.

REUTERS



XI AND OBAMA

## Merkel heckled on visit to refugees

Dozens of protesters shouted at Chancellor Angela Merkel and waved placards with the slogan “traitor” on Wednesday when she visited an eastern German town where anti-refugee protests erupted into violence over the weekend.

Merkel, one of Germany’s most popular postwar chancellors, vowed Germany would not tolerate xenophobia and repeated that the weekend scuffles, in which 31 police officers were hurt, were “shameful and repulsive.”

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MERKEL

## Europe faces up to flight safety threat posed by drones

No-drone zones, software to block flights into sensitive areas and registration rules are among proposals from European regulators and aviation experts to ensure growing numbers of drones don’t cause dangerous run-ins with passenger aircraft.

The use of civil drones is rising, whether for commercial purposes such as crop surveillance, monitoring of natural disasters and photography or just as a fun leisure activity.

Aviation concerns focus on smaller drones flown for recreation because their users are often not familiar with the rules of the air.

REUTERS

## Barcelona mayor’s tourism crackdown puts Airbnb in firing line

Barcelona’s mayor is picking a fight with rental websites as she tries to crack down on uncontrolled tourism that she fears could drive out residents and spoil the Catalan capital’s charm.

Ada Colau is threatening to fine firms such as Airbnb and Booking.com if they market apartments to tourists without a number showing that they are on the Catalan tourism register.

Colau, a leftwing former housing activist elected in May, also wants rental websites to hand over information on the property owners.

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## Slow sales

## Wal-Mart to stop selling AR-15, other semiautomatic rifles

Wal-Mart Stores, the top seller of guns and ammunition in the United States, said on Wednesday it will stop carrying the AR-15 and other

semiautomatic rifles at its stores due to sluggish demand.

A spokesman for the world's largest retailer said the decision was based solely on demand and was not related to recent high-profile incidents involving the rifles, including the 2012 school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

The announcement

came on the same day two television journalists were shot and killed in Virginia in an incident that is likely to further stoke a growing debate about gun violence in the U.S.

"This is done solely on what customer demand was," said company spokesman Kory Lundberg, confirming a previous report on the decision

by business news website Quartz. "We are instead focusing on hunting and sportsman firearms."

Lundberg said Wal-Mart will stop selling a class of rifle called the modern sports rifle, which includes the semiautomatic AR-15. He said that class of rifle was sold in fewer than a third of its roughly 4,500 U.S. stores.

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Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton / GETTY IMAGES

# Biden fans see him as honest and frank

**2016.** His fans appear willing to overlook his tendency to commit gaffes, which could handicap a campaign.

## Quoted

"He says what he means. It's not always good, but he's up front and honest."

Mary Lampron, 70, of North Providence, Rhode Island

Often maligned for speaking too frankly, Vice President Joe Biden's reputation for shooting from the lip might be one of his biggest weapons if he does decide to run against Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Voters in a Reuters/Ipsos survey who said they were open to backing Biden for the nomination described him as an honest and forthright political veteran who is free of scandal despite decades in Washington.

Those perceived attributes could give Biden an edge over Clinton, whose "trustworthy" poll num-

bers have dropped as she struggles with perceptions that she has not been completely open about her use of a private email account for official business when she was secretary of state.

Reuters spoke to 22 poll respondents who said they would support Biden. More than half used words such as "honest," "genuine" and "trustworthy" to describe why they like the former senator.

While many polls have been throwing Biden's name into the mix for some months, few have examined the reasons for his relative popularity among many Democrats.

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## Survey. Love them or loathe them, your emails are here to stay



According to the survey, more than 90 percent of the workers admitted they checked personal emails at work and 87 percent looked at business emails outside of working hours. / GETTY IMAGES

If seeing an inbox full of hundreds of emails fills you with dread, get used to it, because they are here to stay and will remain a constant in the workplace, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

Despite the popularity of instant messaging, texting and social media, the poll showed that email is the top communications tool at work and will grow in importance over the next five years.

In the online survey, comprising 400 U.S. white-collar, adult workers, nearly half of the respondents said they think their use of emails for work will increase in coming years. Nineteen percent said it will go up substantially.

"Email is and will remain a cornerstone of the workplace culture," said Kristin Naragon, of computer software company Adobe Systems, which commissioned the poll.

"Certainly, lots of companies are trying to break into that space with productivity tools, but email is not going anywhere," she added in an interview.

The workers questioned in the poll estimated they spend 6.3 hours a day checking emails, with 3.2 hours devoted to work emails and 3.1 hours to personal

### Quoted

**"Millennials are so addicted to emails that half can't even use the bathroom without checking their email."** Naragon

messages.

Naragon said Americans are so concerned about keeping in touch that they monitor emails around the clock, in socially unacceptable settings and during potentially dangerous times.

Nearly 80 percent said they look at emails before going into the office and 30 percent said they checked their inbox while still in bed in the morning. Half of the respondents also monitored emails during their vacations.

The numbers were even higher for those 18-34 years old, with 45 percent opening emails upon waking up. More than a quarter of millennials also admitted checking emails while driving.

But she added that people are aware of their addiction and have tried to regain a better life balance. Forty percent said they had tried a self-imposed email detox, of which 87 percent lasted an average of five days.

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questions.

M is a hybrid backed by a team of Facebook employees with customer service backgrounds, called M trainers, who can also make travel arrange-

ments and appointments, Marcus wrote.

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# Colorado theater gunman sentenced to 12 lifetimes and 3,318 years

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Brauchler had called for Holmes to be given every day of the longest possible sentence.

Condemning the movie massacre gunman to 12 life sentences and the maximum 3,318 years in prison for his rampage in a midnight screening of a Batman film, a Colorado judge on Wednesday said evil and mental illness were not mutually exclusive.

"It is the court's intention that the defendant never set foot in free society again ... If there was ever a case that warranted the maximum sentences, this is the case," Arapahoe County District Court Judge Carlos Samour said.

Survivors and relatives of those killed clapped and cheered as Samour then ordered deputies to remove James Holmes from his courtroom, and the 27-year-old gunman was led away in shackles.

The defendant was found guilty by a jury last month of murdering 12 people and wounding 70 during his rampage inside the packed screening at a multiplex in the Denver suburb of Aurora.

The jury did not reach a unanimous decision on whether Holmes should be executed. That meant the former neuroscience graduate student, who had pleaded insanity, got a dozen automatic life sentences with no possibility of parole.

Samour still had to sentence Holmes on attempted murder counts and an explosives charge.

Condemning the shooter to the longest term he could issue, the judge said Holmes decided to "quit" in life, and that he set out to kill "as many innocents as possible."

Samour said whatever illness Holmes may have



James Holmes is led out of the courtroom after being formally sentenced. / GETTY IMAGES

### Arapahoe County

## Judge praises the victims

District Court Judge Carlos Samour praised the victims, who he said had shown tremendous courage and grit, some of whom were disappointed that Holmes was not sentenced to death.

"You know your healing is not tied to the defendant's fate," Samour said.

"Even despite all the pain and suffering you've been through, you're not quitting, and you're hanging in there, and you're fighting. You have my admiration." **REUTERS**

### Quoted

**"The defendant does not deserve any sympathy."** Judge Samour

suffered, there was overwhelming evidence that a significant part of his conduct had been driven by "moral obliquity, mental depravity ... anger, hatred, revenge or similar evil conditions."

He said "the \$64 million question" that still lingered was whether the defendant was afflicted by a mental condition, disease or defect, and if so, to what extent.

"We tend to like simple answers, but maybe it's not so simple," Samour said. "And maybe that's because we're not where we need to be in the fields of psychiatry and psychology." **REUTERS**

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## Snake selfie. Calif. man bitten by rattlesnake he picked up for photo

A Southern California man who picked up a rattlesnake to pose for a photograph was badly hurt when the reptile bit him on the hand, a Los Angeles television station reported.

Alex Gomez, 36, was bitten on Monday by the four-foot rattler in a field at his family's ranch in Lake Elsinore, a community about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles, according to TV station KCBS, which showed a picture of the man holding the snake around his neck.

Alex Gomez's mother, Deborah, told KCBS that her son might lose his hand because of the bite wound to the extremity. The man's hand swelled up after the bite, and he was taken to a local hospital and treated with anti-venom, according to the station.

"I'm shocked that he would have that thing around his neck," she



A rattlesnake / GETTY IMAGES

told the station. "It could've bit his neck, and that would have been it. That's just being a fool."

She could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

Rattlesnakes, whose

bites can be fatal, are found in many parts of California. The peak season for rattlesnake bites, which occur about 800 times a year in California, is from April to October, state officials say. **REUTERS**

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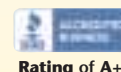
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Emily Ratajkowski gets down in the DJ drama "We Are Your Friends," starring Zac Efron.  
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# Emily Ratajkowski doesn't want to be the hot girl

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

The model and actress, now in "We Are Your Friends," seeks meatier roles.



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Emily Ratajkowski knows who classic French filmmaker Robert Bresson is. That shouldn't be shocking. Her mother is an academic and her father is an artist. But we've been conditioned to think models aren't cultured, just as we've been conditioned to think models aren't actors. Ratajkowski wants to be all three. Her big acting break was no less than a David Fincher film, as Andie, the student sleeping with Ben Affleck's Nick, in "Gone Girl." She's since played herself in the "Entourage" movie, and she's now in "We Are Your Friends," as the personal assistant/girlfriend of a big time DJ (Wes Bentley) who catches the affections of his young mentee (Zac Efron).

**Traditionally there's a stigma attached to models**

## who transition into acting.

That happens a lot more to young women than it does to young men. There are far more stigmas attached to women who have been thought of as a sex symbol. That's just silly.

## Women's sex appeal is usually filtered through the male gaze. You've spoken about how you want women to reclaim sexuality and own it.

Even in "Gone Girl" and "We Are Your Friends," you watch those characters at moments through the eyes of the male characters. I think there will be parts in the future where it's just about the women and female journeys. That's what I'm constantly struggling to find. That's why I'm taking a slow road to which films I take.

**You actually wanted to be an actor since you were a kid. In fact, you became a model so you could become an actor.**

Yeah, isn't that funny? Not many people know that. I was one of those kids who tried everything, and theater was definitely something that stuck. I went to UCLA for visual art and thought about becoming an English professor or a writer. I've always been creatively inclined. My first love, though, was theater.

## What were some roles you were playing as a kid?

I was the Little Match Girl, which was my first lead in the sixth grade, which was a big deal for me. But I fell in love with acting by watching theater. I lived in London when I was five years old while my mom was teaching literature there. Her teaching was about how literature related to theater, so she got all these free tickets. We would go to London theater shows once a week instead of seeing movies.

## When you first started acting professionally, what kind of roles were you getting?

Because I was a model, it was mostly the hot girl in high school or the cheerleader. They're

## On David Fincher

**So much press about Fincher is over the high number of takes he does. But actors — not all of them — seem to like it.** I thought it was amazing, not only because I'm a young actor and I wanted to spend as much time as I could on set, but also because the technique he uses makes you stop thinking. That's a great thing. Maybe it's a rookie move, but I definitely think about the history of my character and where they've come from. That can get in the way of you living the scene. But he gives you so many notes and you do it so many times that you stop thinking. Overacting can happen and he erases that.

**I guess journalists just feel bad for the actors.** I mean, don't feel bad for me.

like, "Oh, she's a model," then you always get model parts. For me those parts weren't exactly exciting. That's why I stopped acting for a while. I wasn't interested in the Nickelodeon/Disney versions of women.

## A David Fincher film is a pretty good get for your first major film.

It was a good get, for sure. What was interesting about [Andie] in "Gone Girl" [is that] in the book you read her from the perspective of Nick and Amy. She's just his mistress. I tried to add something to that, that made her feel like something young women could relate to — that she had her own stuff. In "We Are Your Friends" I really think that Sophie has an interesting arc. She has a front that she puts out there, and a lot of people probably have ideas of who she is. I imagine her being very different in college, her going through different phases throughout her life. There are many versions of Sophie. I related to that.



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## 'No Escape' is for the xenophobes

### 'No Escape'

Director: John Erick Dowdle  
Stars: Owen Wilson, Lake Bell  
Rating: R

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The white knuckle thriller "No Escape" pulls off an impressive feat: It's a xenophobic film about xenophobia. The ones in peril are an American family, headed by Owen Wilson and Lake Bell, who arrive in a never-identified Asian country right as a bloody coup breaks out. Armed psychos fill the city streets, taking a special predilection toward foreigners.

But even before fellow Americans are being shot in the head, the film is painting even the nonviolent locals as subhuman Others. An early scene finds Wilson's Jack strolling through a market, eyeing the residents with suspicion, flustered to find no one speaks the language of a country on the other side of the world. Every Asian



Every now and then in "No Escape," Pierce Brosnan conveniently materializes to save Owen Wilson. THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

character is filmed like an ominous grotesque — that is, save the chirpy man that greets them wearing a cowboy hat and proclaiming the greatness of the U.S. of A.

Amazingly, every now and then, it's possible to forget "No Escape"'s retrograde politics and get caught up in what is, at base, a survive-the-night thriller. It's still always inherently xenophobic — a right-winger's nightmare that offers the message that no place is safe for an American. Wilson and Bell are ideal outside-the-box action leads — hypothetically. In practice, they only get a minute or two to show off their relaxed, flirty banter before they're reduced to anonymous freak-out machines.

At times, "No Escape" aims to be a lean, cut-to-

the-bone horrorshow. But the writing is sloppy. One of Jack and Annie's daughters can always be counted on to turn into a neurotic pill at the wrong time. Every now and then, Pierce Brosnan, as a strip joint regular, ex-pat and of course ex-Special Forces action god, swings by, and right when the heroes need him. Late in, he launches into a speech about how the real root of the coup stems from globalization and the way American industriousness has no interest in how its affairs affect locals. Then it's right back to scary Asians hunting down lily-white Yanks. The ending, however, which we won't reveal, is hilarious, and it would be scathingly satirical too, if the film had an iota of self-awareness. Which it does not.

### 'We Are Your Friends'

Director: Max Joseph  
Stars: Zac Efron, Emily Ratajowski  
Rating: R

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Stare into the blankly soulful eyes of Zac Efron as he tries to DJ in "We Are Your Friends." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

In "We Are Your Friends," a 30-something alkies DJ god (Wes Bentley) preaches to his mentee Cole — played with blank-faced puppy-dog sincerity by Zac Efron — to embrace originality, not imitation. It's too easy to say their film doesn't remotely heed this advice, but it is true. A douchebag "Saturday Night Fever," it slips in a rote love triangle and even a riff on "Boiler Room." Like "Fever"'s Tony Manero, Cole keeps getting dragged down by his go-nowhere friends, the most despicable of which, Jonny Weston's bulletheaded hothead

Mason, says things like, "Don't bro me if you don't know me."

"Friends" does, however, indulge more than required in the gruntwork of the trade. The film's best scene finds Efron's Cole offering his secret recipe, breaking down how certain types of beats control the body and turn revelers into swaying zombies. It knows more than it lets on, but it keeps getting dragged down to a stupid, if watchable, melodrama, as well as to the even more stupid antics of its young characters.

To its credit, "Friends" shows some interest in the inner life of its token female (Emily Ratajowski) and some awareness of a cruel world outside its youthful/white microcosm. But it's mostly young, dumb and full of pickup lines like, "Your body is 81 percent water, and I'm thirsty." "Friends" feels both made for people like Cole and written by them as well. Its target audience will connect to a film that speaks to them, then turn on it the second they hit 30. MP



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## 'Queen of Earth' is an uneasy study of Elisabeth Moss totally losing it



Elisabeth Moss comes undone in Alex Ross Perry's "Queen of Earth." IFC FILMS

#### 'Queen of Earth'

Director: Alex Ross Perry  
Stars: Elisabeth Moss,  
Katherine Waterston  
Rating: R

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Alex Ross Perry's "Queen of Earth" isn't so much a psychological thriller as it is a psychological drama. And by "psychological" we mean that literally: It's about someone — Elisabeth Moss' Catherine — unraveling. But it's also about the shambling neuroses of all of its characters, about crumbling friendships and about the strain of cohabitation.

Catherine has decamped to a summer home currently occupied by longtime friend Virginia (Katherine Waterston). Catherine has just been dumped, right on the heels of her father's suicide, no less. And while Virginia is sympathetic, she doesn't quite know how to handle her friend

— not when Catherine goes off on weirdly long walks, and especially not when she careens from tear-caked mess, as seen in the opening shot, to an (even more unnerving) strained, manic perkiness.

We might expect stuff to eventually hit the fan, and may be surprised when it doesn't. That's because Perry borrows the cinematic language of Roman Polanski and Eurotrash thrillers from the '70s: creeping, unmotivated zooms, a sickening air of unease, a persistent, haunting score that loves to scrape the nerves. But no violence, apart from the emotional kind, erupts, and everything stays realistic, if deeply unsettled — especially since none of the tension is ever consummated. It's a midnight movie that turns out to be a Rainer

Werner Fassbinder chamber drama.

Perry last made "Listen Up Philip," also starring Moss, which found great, caustic joy in characters one-upping each other in terms of snide put-downs. He isn't being funny this time. The tone, if detached, is empathetic. It's not a simplistic, black-and-white study of mental sickness and fractured relationships, but one that lives in the in-between spaces. Even a party scene, held when Catherine is at her least social, almost turns silly only to fall back down to earth.

The whole movie works like that: It keeps threatening to turn into a horror film, including the ones that have inspired it, but it stays real and therefore all the more chilling.

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The rocker says he's keeping it authentic on his latest album.



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Lenny Kravitz is one of those musicians who could be coasting by now. He's had huge hits, appeared in "The Hunger Games" and performed in the Super Bowl with the famous Left Shark (and Katy Perry and Missy Elliott). But he's just as high profile as ever, with his 2014 album "Strut" earning high praise from Rolling Stone, and a wardrobe malfunction that took the Internet by storm.

"Strut" came about while Kravitz was working on "Hunger Games," but he says that doesn't mean they're connected. "Does one inspire the other at times? Yes, but this just happened to be the time the music materialized in my head. I was faced with either having to let it go because I was so busy filming at five or



# Lenny Kravitz is ready to 'Strut'

Kravitz announced an upcoming live DVD earlier this week. "Just Let Go" will be available Oct. 23. **MATHEW BITTON**

six in the morning to the evening, or take the time and capture it."

## Heading to film school

The resulting album has a gritty old-fashioned feel to it, which has led to some moody, black-and-white music videos that almost look like art films.

"That's what I gravitate towards, really. The music I think calls for that," says Kravitz. He says he likes black and white because "it can be so much more dynamic and realistic."

## Finding the right sound

The album has been enough of a success that

Kravitz is still touring in support of it a year later, but he says he doesn't let that kind of thing go to his head. "Anytime someone says something nice, it's a nice thing. Whether or not I get recognition, I stand by my work. I express myself honestly and authentically, so therefore it's successful."

And wherever that

type of thinking takes him, he's happy. "I'm always wanting to do something I'm not doing, because that's just the way I am," says Kravitz. "I've had so many different vibes of album, style and song. All over the place. That's what it's about. You move how you move and you keep covering ground."

## Super Bowl star

Kravitz played for one of the biggest audiences in the world earlier this year when he performed the Super Bowl halftime show with Katy Perry, which he called "surreal."

"I've done my own concerts in front of a million people. I did a concert years ago in Rio for a million people. [At the Super Bowl] there are less people in front of you, but you realize it's going out to millions of people across the world. So you definitely don't want to screw up," he says.

Getting all the moving pieces in order is a highly streamlined operation. "Everything is to the second. There's no improvisation whatsoever. Everything is on the mark," says Kravitz. He also had high praise for the headliner, saying Perry "hadn't eaten for, like, two weeks. She's very disciplined, working day and night. So it was a good release afterwards."

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# How to change 'House of Cards' in Season 4

The political drama might need to shake things up a bit.



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The three seasons of "House of Cards" have taken Frank Underwood from a powerful but low-profile position as majority whip to president of the United States. It's been a pretty impressive couple of years for Mr. Underwood (helped along, of course, by a series of betrayals, lies and the occasional murder), but we wonder if the show hasn't lost something by having him rise so quickly. We have a few ideas about how they can turn things around.



Sorry, Frank. It's time for things to get tougher for you. **NETFLIX**

## The fall of Frank Underwood

With Claire (spoilers, if you're behind on your Netflix duties) leaving him and his empire teetering, the next season seems likely to be about Frank's downfall. Great! The character so far has been perpetually smarter than everyone else, and it's time for some payback. Having Frank resort to desperate

measures to maintain his throne would be tons of fun.

## Give us a little info on the Underwood marriage

Throughout the run of the show, the marriage of Frank and Claire has been the near-silent third lead on the show. Is Frank gay? How much of

their unusual marriage is openly discussed between them? While the mystery has worked, Claire leaving creates an opening to learn what's really been going on.

## Kill off Doug

While we're big fans of Michael Kelly's performance as Underwood's merciless right-hand man Doug, his plots have taken him further and further afield. And his slow stalking, kidnapping and eventual murder of a woman whose connection to the main story no longer even exists took things to an unnecessarily grim place. This show may be cynical and soapy, but everything with Doug seemed like it came from some other, bleaker show. Just write him off already.

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## Directions:

**1** Season steak. Preheat grill, grill pan or skillet over medium-high heat. Season steak with salt and pepper.

**2** Season romaine. Halve romaine heart lengthwise through the core. Drizzle cut side of romaine with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

**3** Grill steak and romaine. Grill steaks, turning once, until lightly charred on both sides, 3-4 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer to a board to rest. Grill romaine, turning once, until lightly charred on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to board.

**4** Make dressing. Zest lemon into a small bowl. Halve lemon and squeeze juice into bowl. Using a vegetable peeler, shave about a third of Parmesan into strips and set aside. Finely grate remain-

ing Parmesan into the bowl with lemon juice. Remove thyme leaves from stems, finely chop (1 teaspoon) and whisk into bowl with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.

**5** Slice steak and romaine. Slice steak across the grain and cut romaine into large pieces on the bias.

**6** Serve. Divide half of dressing between 2 plates. Top with romaine and steak, then season with salt and pepper. Top with shaved Parmesan. Serve with remaining dressing on the side. Enjoy!



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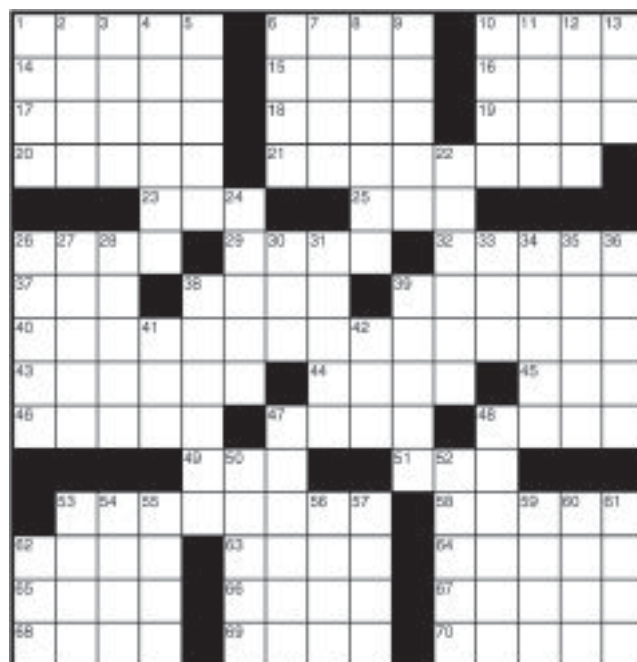
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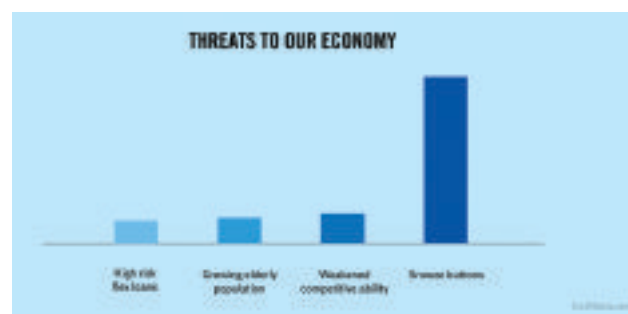
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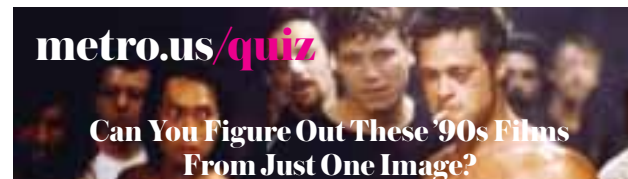
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Where we eat

## The sweet life in Midtown

Bouchon Bakery's top chef and Midtown resident tells us about her newest creations and gives recs for neighborhood eats.



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We're calling it now: Bouchon Bakery's Peanut Butter & Chocolate Cookie Sandwich is going to be the hit of fall.

If you thought gourmet chefs are beyond things like childhood favorites, the cookie is the result of a late-night phone call with an idea (or maybe more accurately, a craving?) from chef-owner Thomas Keller (Per Se) to Bouchon's director,



Peanut Butter & Chocolate Cookie Sandwich DEBORAH JONES

Alessandra Altieri Lopez.

With both of them being "huge fans" of the flavors, "we were really on the same page right off the bat," says Altieri Lopez. "I never even tested a nonsandwich cookie. Just went right for

the sandwich — knew it would give that superindulgent 'wow' factor we both were looking for."

After several experiments to add more crunch and get ganache into every bite, the final product is a peanut but-

ter cookie with roasted salted peanuts and chunks of 72 percent cocoa; the filling is a ring of dark chocolate ganache and peanut butter cream. A sprinkle of fleur de sel amps up all the flavors, then the second cookie is placed on top.

Altieri Lopez oversees all Bouchon locations, including the bakeries at Rockefeller Center and the Time Warner Center in Columbus Circle, which bracket a part of Midtown that most New Yorkers have ceded to office workers and tourists. But she knows better, having lived in the neighborhood for six years after getting tired of her commute from New Jersey while working at Per Se.

In that time, she found there's more to Midtown than overpriced sandwiches and chain restaurants.

### Alessandra Altieri Lopez's picks



#### Weekday lunch:

"I love a good sandwich and **Sfilatino Italian Gourmet** has one I really enjoy. It's a tiny place on 57th Street with only about six tables, so it's typically quiet. I always get the same thing, the *potenza* sandwich. It's actually the only thing I've ever had from there, but it's so good I don't see a reason to try anything else. If I'm really treating myself, I stop at **Grom Gelato** for tiramisu gelato."

#### Afterwork drinks:

"My favorite place to go is **The Skylark**. It's a beautiful lounge with great small bites and amazing cocktails. It's never obnoxiously crowded, has good music and just overall has a great atmosphere that I really enjoy — especially now that I'm in my 30s."

#### A memorable dinner:

"I have two Midtown favorites: 1. **Benoit**. I don't have a favorite thing in particular that I like to order; everything is always good. I'm a huge fan of chef Philippe's cooking, so I always know that whatever I order won't be a miss. 2. **Yakitori Totto**. I love how authentic it feels and the skewers are amazing. Oddly enough, the grilled asparagus (as insanely simple as it is) is one of my favorites — charred on the outside with a healthy sprinkle of salt."

# It's better on the water

Why lose out on what we've got left of summer by going indoors to eat and drink?



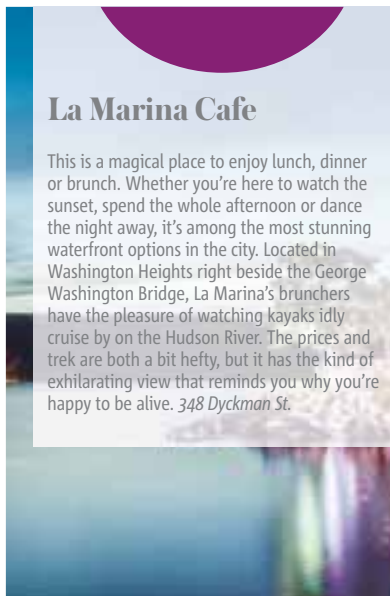
There will come a time when the wind coming off the rivers and harbors of New York City will turn from a friendly breeze into a bone-chilling blast. Happily, those days are still a ways off, with plenty of time left to enjoy all of these best-in-summer spots.

Pair a stunning waterfront view with mind-blowing eats at **The Bayhouse** (155-57 Bayview

Ave., Queens). From the fresh shrimp shaker to the Santa Fe steak wrap and flounder sandwiches to refreshing margaritas, sitting atop Jamaica Bay and chowing down on an extremely affordable meal is an evening well spent.

The views at **Battery Gardens** (1 Battery Place) simply cannot be topped. It's located right next to the harbor, so your dining companion is Lady Liberty. Their drinks won't completely wreck your bank account, either: Victory Brewing Company pints cost only \$5, and pitchers are \$16. Their menu, however, is a \$75 prix fixe — worth a splurge for a special occasion, just for the view.

It takes a bit of effort to get to **Brooklyn Crab** (24 Reed St.), but taking the Ikea ferry to Red



## La Marina Cafe

This is a magical place to enjoy lunch, dinner or brunch. Whether you're here to watch the sunset, spend the whole afternoon or dance the night away, it's among the most stunning waterfront options in the city. Located in Washington Heights right beside the George Washington Bridge, La Marina's brunchers have the pleasure of watching kayaks idly cruise by on the Hudson River. The prices and trek are both a bit hefty, but it has the kind of exhilarating view that reminds you why you're happy to be alive. 348 Dyckman St.

La Marina often has DJs and other live music at night. [LAMARINANYC, FACEBOOK](#)

Hook is worth it. Once you're in, this is one seafood restaurant that gives you serious bang for your buck. They've got a comprehensive beer list, mini golf, an amazing bar atmosphere, cornhole and the best crab and lobster on the planet. Brooklyn Crab is the perfect way to feel like

you've been transported to a beach town.

During summer, the best way to see Manhattan is from a distance. Views on the outdoor terrace of the extremely romantic **River Cafe** (1 Water St., Brooklyn) are all about the Manhattan skyline and New York Harbor. There's also an

indoor water garden. Get their lobster tails with blood orange. They also specialize in oysters and yellowfin tuna. You'll also probably get a complimentary appetizer or dessert, because they're classy like that.

Docked at Hudson River Park is **Pier 66 Maritime Bar & Grill** (207

12th Ave.) The grub is prepared on site, impressive once you find out it's located on a floating barge. So if you haven't yet dined on a boat this summer, get here for their full bar and grill, with dishes like crab cakes and beer-braised bratwurst. Just do it.

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## Listings

## MYSTERY

## Professor Hemlock's Mansion

Aug. 29, 11:30 a.m. (\$30),  
4:30 p.m. (\$40), 8:30 p.m. (\$50)  
2 E. 63rd St., Professor  
hemlocksmansion.com

If you think you could've solved "Clue," then here's your chance to prove it. In the halls of the eccentric inventor Professor Hemlock's 1920s mansion, there are foul things afoot amid the splendor of the Gatsby era. Expect seances, a Dapper Magician's Den (fancy dirty magic?), flappers and the sounds of Michael Arenella's Dreamland Orchestra as part of the immersive theater experience, in which everyone is part of the show. **EVA KIS**

## PARTY

## DFA Records Summer Hot Dog

Aug. 29, 9 p.m.  
Good Room  
98 Meserole Ave., Brooklyn  
\$25-\$30, Goodroombk.com  
The combined powers of LCD Soundsystem, Eric Copeland and Black Dice should be enough to keep you going at this all-night dance party taking place Saturday at Brooklyn's Good Room. DJs and other artists from the label will be playing from 9 p.m. until 4 a.m. Several surprises, including a special musical guest, are in store for the party faithful. So cancel those Sunday brunch plans — because you'll be sleeping in.

## FILM

## HUMP! Tour

Aug. 28-29  
Roulette  
509 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn  
\$25, Humptour.com  
Indulge your inner voyeur while broadening your horizons this weekend when sex columnist Dan Savage brings his HUMP! Tour to NYC. Seattle's annual HUMP! Film Festival, started by Savage in 2005, solicits five-minute adult videos from amateurs with the goal of helping audiences discover the fringes of sex from the point of view of the people who love it there. You'll have five chances to catch 18 of the best HUMP! submissions, covering the spectrum of kinks, at Roulette. Leave your hang-ups at home.

## 'Casablanca'

Aug. 29, 4:30 p.m.  
Museum of Modern Art  
11 W. 53rd St.  
\$12, Moma.org  
"Here's looking at you, kid." To some, it's a classic quote, but

## COMEDY

## Brooklyn Comedy Festival

Through Aug. 30  
Locations vary  
Free-\$20  
BKcomedyfestival.com  
New comedy, proven comedy, weird comedy — be prepared for anything during the third annual Brooklyn Comedy Festival, which gives talent at all levels the chance to perform. Many shows are free, with average admission about \$5, and don't miss the wrap party, Sunday at 1 p.m. at Crown Victoria. It's open to the public, has drink specials and should be good for a laugh.



RAFE BARON

## MUSIC

## Accordion Bands Festival

Aug. 28, 4:30-10 p.m.  
Bryant Park  
Free, Bryantpark.org  
No one else has hosted as diverse a range of events this summer as Bryant Park, but this might be the most eclectic. The Accordion Bands Festival showcases the whole world of accordion-forward music (yes, it's more than the soundtrack to somber French films) from young and established acts, like the Balkan funk of Slavic Soul Party to the Niall O'Leary Irish Band's traditional folk, Argentine tango from Los Chantas and many more. **EVA KIS**



ARIANA HELLERMAN

it's probably quoted most often to Isabella Rossellini and Pia Lindstrom, daughters of the late Ingrid Bergman, leading lady in the black-and-white movie masterpiece "Casablanca." Both sisters will be on hand at the Museum of Modern Art this Saturday to discuss their mother's most famous work. The screening is \$12 and complements the museum's current exhibit, "Ingrid Bergman: A Centennial Celebration."

## PARTY

## Elvis Duran's End of Summer Bash

Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.

Pier 15, 78 South St.  
Free with RSVP, Z100.com  
Outdoor party season is fading fast, so get to Elvis Duran's End of Summer Bash. Food, drink and, of course, music will be taking over Pier 15, including the Watermark Bar and Hornblower Yacht. RSVP at Z100.com, but get there early because the pier will close once it hits capacity (which might happen fast, considering there'll be giant beer pong and mini golf).

## Silent Disco

Aug. 28 & 30, Sept. 3  
Locations vary  
Free, www.lincolncenter.org  
You can dance if you want to —

just do so quietly at the Lincoln Center's three upcoming Silent Discos. What started as an annual rite is now in all five boroughs, coming to Staten Island, the Bronx and Queens on Aug. 28, Aug. 30 and Sept. 3. Two DJs will play tunes (not all of them disco) on alternating channels.

## SHOPPING

## Harley-Davidson NYC Anti-Fashion Show

Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.  
Harley-Davidson of NYC,  
376 Broadway  
Free, NYCharleydavidson.com  
Motorcycles are not for everyone. But it's OK to covet the biker-chic look. Harley-Davidson is hosting its first pop-up shopping event for jewelry, fashion and motorcycles this Thursday at its Manhattan location, with collaborations with the brands Brooklyn Heavy Metal, Grifter and Feltraiger. Sip a free Sixpoint Brewery beer while taking in the "anti-fashion show," all for free. Reserve a spot by emailing RSVP@collective-comm.com.

## TENNIS

## Game, Set, Match

Aug. 31-Sept. 13  
Dempsey's Pub, 61 Second Ave.  
Free, Dempseysnyc.com  
If you can't make it out to Arthur Ashe Stadium for this year's U.S. Open, catch the matches at Dempsey's Pub. The bar's 10 televisions will all be airing the matches live, and there are special drink deals throughout the tournament, from Aug. 31-Sept. 13, like \$10 cocktails and \$20 buckets of beer. That's a lot better than the prices you'll see courtside, and you don't need to worry about rain.

## STREET FAIR

## Brighton Jubilee Festival

Aug. 30  
Neptune Ave. btwn Ocean Pkwy. & Corbin Pl.  
Free, www.brightonbeach.com  
Come for the pierogies, stay for the community. Brighton Beach has been raising money for the neighborhood for 38 years through its Jubilee Festival. This Sunday, there will be a street fair with music, activities and plenty of Russian cuisine. Transcending language and culture, the festival aims to bring diverse populations together through the shared love of music and food. With 125,000 guests expected, it's one of Brooklyn's biggest events of the summer.

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Vegas always has to be different. In most cities, downtown is where the action is. But in Vegas, it's where the action was — before the development of The Strip five miles south.

Downtown Vegas is bouncing back. The city and local businesses are actively revitalizing the area, which centers around Fremont Street, the first paved street in the city. Nicknamed Glitter Gulch, Fremont Street is where famous casinos like the Golden Nugget and Binion's Horseshoe stand. Both have stayed happily retro compared to the modern luxury resorts on the Strip.

Apart from old-fashioned casinos, downtown's main attraction has long been the nightly light show at the Fremont Street Experience. Four blocks long, the canopy above the street has 12.5 million LED lights and provides a display as spectacular as anything you'll find on the Strip.

Until recently there wasn't much else to persuade people to catch a cab or take the Deuce bus out to Fremont Street if they were staying on the Strip.

That's all changed, however, and downtown has new hotels and restaurants, more shopping and several major Vegas attractions getting a second life.

One of the best is the Mob Museum, officially named the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement ([www.themobmuseum.org](http://www.themobmuseum.org)). Since it opened in 2012, it's been reason enough on its own for visitors to head downtown. It's an enthralling look at organized crime and the battle against it throughout history, with Las Vegas playing a major role, of course. It's housed in the former courthouse, where

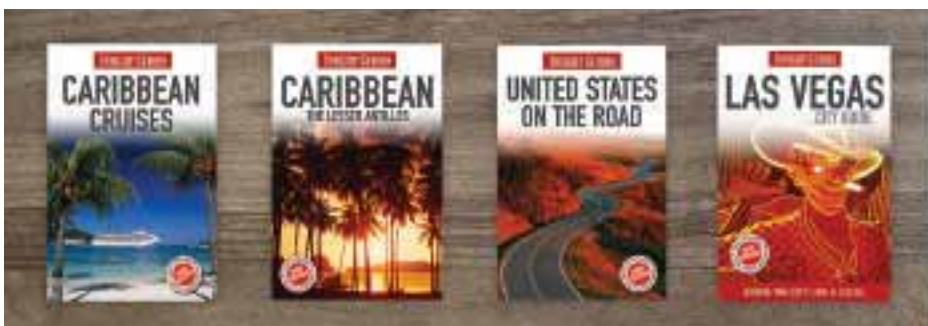
many mafia trials took place.

Insert Coin(s) ([www.insertcoinslv.com](http://www.insertcoinslv.com)) on Fremont East is a bar with DJs and a huge collection of vintage video games, some going back over 30 years, like "Frogger" and "Defender."

**The nightly light show on Fremont Street stretches four blocks, with 12.5 million LED lights.**

Also for vintage fans, The Boneyard at the Neon Museum ([www.neonmuseum.org](http://www.neonmuseum.org)) in northern downtown collects and restores old neon signs. A

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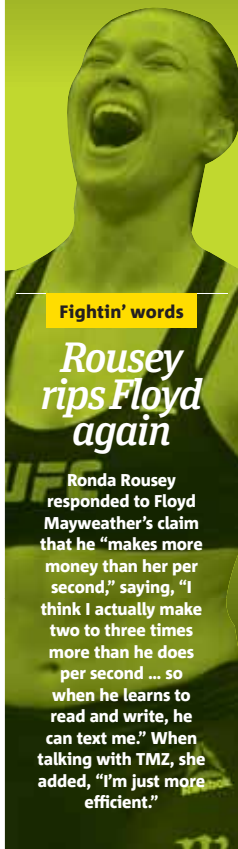
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### Fightin' words

#### Rousey rips Floyd again

Ronda Rousey responded to Floyd Mayweather's claim that he "makes more money than her per second," saying, "I think I actually make two to three times more than he does per second ... so when he learns to read and write, he can text me." When talking with TMZ, she added, "I'm just more efficient."

# BIG NAMES GO DOWN, FRESH FACES STEP UP

Scheduling your fantasy draft is a dangerous game of roulette. If you already had it, there's a good chance a couple of the owners are considering playing in traffic as we speak.

That's because we've already seen a fistful of very significant injuries happen in preseason games and training camp practices. The safe, three-condom play is to hold your draft roughly 24 hours before the first kick, allowing you to gather all available information and to avoid season-decimating bad luck. For those who haven't drafted yet, adjusting to these season-enders is crucial.

### The Adams family

Jordy Nelson saw 28.1 percent of the Packers' targets last year, parlaying that into a 98-1,519-13 season that made him fantasy's No. 3 wide receiver. The majority of those targets will now go to Davante Adams, a player who was thrown to by Aaron Rodgers 11 times in last year's playoff game against the Cowboys. The trust



Davante Adams will be one of Aaron Rodgers' favorite targets with Jordy Nelson done for the year. / GETTY IMAGES

Rodgers showed in that game carried over to the offseason, where the former second-round pick was the unquestioned star of the program. Although Adams has some route-running and separation limitations, he's

going to get at least 110 targets from the game's best quarterback this season. Move Adams into the late fourth round of your draft board with confidence.

### All about the Benjamins

The Panthers decided to take a sink-or-swim approach with Kelvin Benjamin last season, declining to reduce his playing time despite numerous rookie mistakes. So even though his efficiency was poor, he finished as fantasy's No. 17 wide receiver on the back of 146 targets (sixth-most in league). Now that Benjamin is with Nelson on the ACL recovery list, the Panthers will be forced to use Devin Funchess similarly. The second-round rookie's only competition for Cam Newton's attention will be Greg Olsen, Ted Ginn, Jericho Cotchery and Corey Brown. Bump Funchess into the eighth round and Olsen into the fifth.

### Injury adjustments

Keep an eye on these players as the season approaches.

- **Jordan Reed, Redskins** — The mismatch-creating Reed finally appears healthy, and Niles Paul is done for the year.
- **Leonard Hankerson, Falcons** — Kyle Shanahan handpicked Hankerson to come to Atlanta to back up old man Roddy White.
- **Khiry Robinson, Saints** — C.J. Spiller's knee scope doesn't seem major, but the underrated Robinson is ready to pounce if it is.

### It's a White out

The Bears used the No. 7 overall pick on Kevin White, expecting the athletic freak to step right in and replace Brandon Marshall. Instead, he landed on reserve/PUP after undergoing surgery to repair a stress fracture in his shin. Eddie Royal

projects as the biggest beneficiary here, as he'll be on the field in all two-wide sets and has great chemistry with Jay Cutler. When these two were together in Denver in 2008, Royal posted an impressive 91-980-5 line as a rookie.

### NFC Feast

Orlando Scandrick's torn ACL puts significant strain on a Dallas defense that was already on shaky ground. Expect Morris Claiborne and rookie Byron Jones to compete for snaps opposite brutal Brandon Carr, with 2014 UDFA Tyler Patmon in the slot. The Giants and Redskins also feature injured and/or untalented secondaries, giving Sam Bradford even more upside than he already had in Chip Kelly's offense. Bradford remains the ideal "wait on QB" target.



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# Predictalator says no playoffs for Jets fans

**NFL.** The Jets, according to a computer simulation, have a 5.2 percent chance of winning the AFC East.

This offseason, the New York Jets added All-Pro caliber players in Darrelle Revis, Antonio Cromartie and Brandon Marshall as part of a massive rebuilding that also included a very solid NFL Draft haul. But watch out Jets, a computer program is saying that you will disappoint this season and won't make the playoffs.

The Predictalator is a computer program that has already played the NFL season — in its entirety — 50,000 times to determine the probability of certain



The Jets must overcome expectations to make the playoffs. / GETTY IMAGES

outcomes. For instance, using a myriad of variables and rankings, the Predictalator has determined that the Packers, to the tune of 17.1 percent of all simulations, is the most likely team to win the Super Bowl.

Their most likely op-

ponent in the game is the Colts.

For the Jets, the Predictalator has simulated the season an aforementioned 50,000 times and has their win total at 6.6 wins, a number that, whether rounded up or down, would represent an im-

provement over last year's 4-12 record. But it would be disappointing given the team's lavish spending this offseason.

The prediction has the Jets winning the season opener at home over the Cleveland Browns and then losing their next three to go into the bye week at 1-3. The most likely wins remaining on their schedule include the Redskins (Week 6), Jaguars (Week 9) and the Titans (Week 14).

In Week 7 at the New England Patriots, for example, the Predictalator gives the Jets a chance to win in just 23.1 percent of all simulations.

The Jets' odds of making the Super Bowl are at .3 percent. So you're saying there's a chance?

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## Yankees head south

### Yankees face Braves for first time in five years

The Yankees prepare for interleague play this weekend, starting with Masahiro Tanaka's start Friday. Tanaka has had good numbers in limited opportunities against Braves hitters — in particular, Nick Markakis is just 1-for-7 against him.

Saturday features an

up-and-coming starter for each club, with the Yankees sending out Luis Severino to face Matt Wisler. Severino picked up his first major league win pitching six innings of one-run ball against Cleveland last weekend.

The series finale sees Nathan Eovaldi squaring off with Julio Teheran. Eovaldi hasn't lost a start since June 16 and the Yankees are 10-2 in his starts since then. **ROBERT CRISCOLA**

## Mets prep for Red Sox

### Mets look to expand NL East lead, face Sox

The Mets face an unfamiliar foe in Henry Owens when they begin their three-game stand with the Red Sox on Friday. They'll send Matt Harvey to the hill, fresh off extra rest.

The Mets will see another new face for Boston Saturday in Eduardo Rodriguez, and he has

been a bright spot in a season filled with dark days for the Red Sox. Jacob deGrom will face the Red Sox for the first time, trying to recover from a dreadful start against the Phillies.

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